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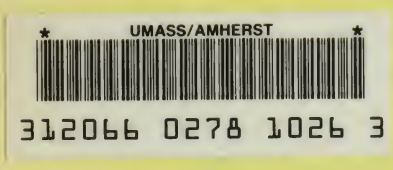

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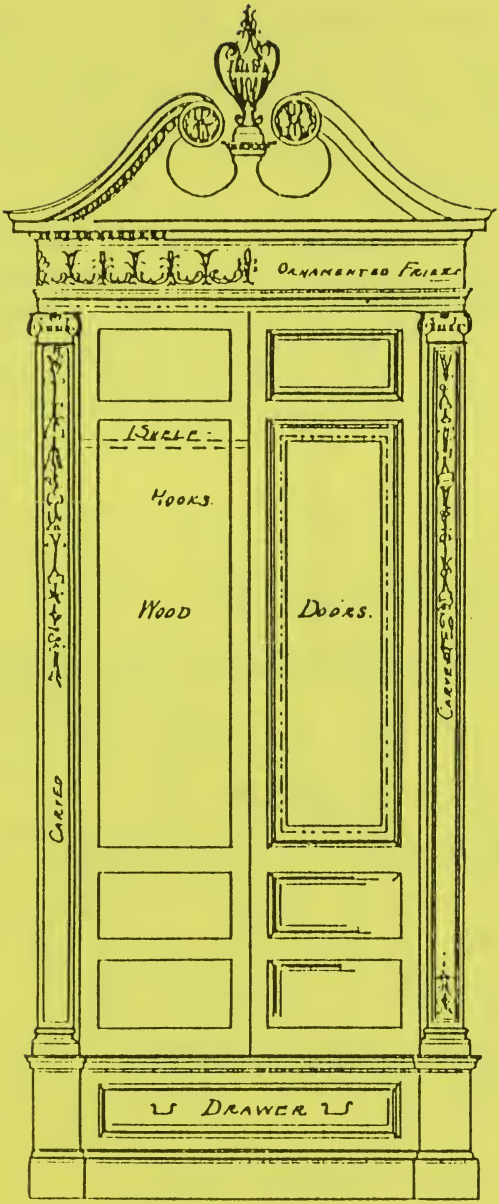
"I have endeavoured to accommodate it to the conveniences and necessities of the country, and have attempted to give it an air of magnificance without departing from Economy."

Charles Bulfinch 1787

The Massachusetts State House, designed by Charles Bulfinch, is one of the most significant buildings in the Commonwealth. It is home of one of the oldest legislatures in the country. This building chronicles the key events in our state's history and highlights the role of Massachusetts in the growth of the United States.

The investment of time, money, and effort is essential to preserve this heritage. While various restoration projects have been undertaken throughout the life of the building, improvements are necessary. The Massachusetts State House Renovation Project attempts to carry out the values and ideals of Charles Bulfinch while returning our most historic building to its original splendor and increasing the efficiency of our working capitol.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THE RESTORATION

A major restoration effort is underway and is expected to be completed in 1995 to celebrate the bicentennial of the Bulfinch building. We have already committed $28 million for the restoration of the State House. This appropriation will allow us to upgrade the heating, ventilating, air conditioning, electrical, fire prevention, and distribution systems. Repairs, alterations, and additions to existing plumbing as well as roof repairs and replacement are included.

A new underground parking garage and service entrance with a new landscaped park above is planned at the location of the current legislative parking area. New landscaping on the front side of the State House will enhance the architectural beauty of the structure and the grounds.

The Great Hall, a public space located in the existing light well of the Annex, will be a new exciting area for lectures, public events and lunchtime activity. In addition, two floors of hearing rooms will be constructed under the Great Hall to improve space needs and public access of legislative activities.

WHO WILL BE AFFECTED AND WHO WILL BENEFIT

The restoration will involve temporary relocation of all offices. Professional Planners are designing an efficient and cost effective system for relocation and space planning.

The improvements will benefit everyone who works or visits the Massachusetts State House. Updates will be given on the progress and plans of the restoration in the Mass. State House Project News.

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